

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

City Hall Business and Economic Development Conference Room
120 E. Main Street - Gardner, Kansas
February 24, 2021
6 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The Economic Development Advisory Committee met on Wednesday February 24, 2021 and the meeting was started at 6: pm in the City Hall at 120 E. Main Street, Gardner, Kansas. The following EDAC committee members attended, a quorum was present.

Nicole Beaton; George Rifford; Brandon Williams; Stephanie Shaver; Harrison Hall.

Ex-Officio present:

Councilman Randy Gregorcyk via Zoom; Mayor, Steve Shute

Staff present:

David Knopick; Robert Case; Melissa Krayca - Community Development staff

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments; no representative of the Gardner press attended the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

No previous agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Election of Officers

Committee members Hall and Rifford confirmed interest in serving as officers.

Motion made by Rifford to elect Hall as Chair and seconded by Beaton

Motion passed 7-0.

Motion made by Beaton to elect Rifford as Vice Chair and seconded by Harrison.

Motion passed 7-0.

2. 2021 Meeting Schedule

2021 meeting schedule discussed and set for 2nd Wednesday of the first month of each quarter beginning April 14, 2021. Additional monthly meetings will be scheduled as needed with second Wednesday of each month being tentative dates.

Motion made Williams to approve schedule, seconded by Beaton.

Motion passed 7-0.

Discussion Items:

1. Review of current Economic Activity and City Projects
 - a. Planned Commercial developments
 - b. Planned housing growth new subdivisions

Mr. Knopick reviewed the 2020 building permit report with the committee and mentioned the upcoming enhanced version of permit reporting that will be shared in the next few months. Discussion related to the building permits and the planning / permitting process ensued.

2. Future Items / Topics – Economic Development Strategy

General conversation regarding the content and framework for the Economic Development Strategy was conducted. It was the desire of the committee to continue the discussion at upcoming meetings beginning with a closer look closer at the goals and initiatives.

Other Business:

Mr. Dave Knopick, Community Development Director stated he will provide an agenda prior to each meeting and would like to invite guest speakers that are related to economic development in Gardner and the immediate area. He mentioned that the purpose / role of the EDAC is referenced in section 6 and section 7 of Resolution No. 1935 and that the committee is to be a forum for idea sharing related to economic development policies that benefit the community. Additionally, the Kansas Open Meeting Act (KOMA) guidelines were discussed with the members in relation to meetings and communications involving member. It was encouraged that e-mail communications be filter through Mr. Knopick to be shared in between meetings as needed.

Mr. Steve Shute, Mayor mentioned he would like to see Greg Martinette attend a future meeting to speak to the committee about his partnership with the City of Gardner and provide information on his efforts to bring business to the community. He also encouraged the committee members to gather information in the community, talk to their neighbors to assess what direction the residents want to move in and what their vision is for the city.

The committee discussed the history of the downtown area as well as the vision, goals and objectives of the city to continue to be a desirable place to live and work.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Williams Seconded Beaton.

Motion passed 7-0.

Motion adjourned at 07:48 pm.

The next meeting will be March 10, 2021 at 6 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers.